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AVONDALE FELON WITH A PRIOR CONVICTION FOR CHILD ABUSE SENTENCED TO PRISON FOR POSSESSION OF A GUN

PHOENIX, Ariz. – Paul Rodger Terry, 35, of Avondale, Arizona, was sentenced here today to seven years in prison, by U.S. District Judge David G. Campbell. On June 5, 2006, Terry pleaded guilty to the felony offense of Felon in Possession of a Firearm and Ammunition.

In the course of his guilty plea, Terry admitted the following facts: On August 16, 2004, Terry possessed an Arminus, .357 caliber, revolver, and 28 rounds of various types of ammunition, including .45 caliber handgun ammunition and 12 gauge shotgun slugs. Immediately prior to the execution of a federal search warrant by ATF and the Avondale Police Department on that date, Terry hid the revolver in his elderly landlady's bedroom. DNA analysis conducted by the Arizona Department of Public Safety located defendant's DNA on the handgun. Prior to August 16, 2004, Terry had the following five felony convictions in the Superior Court of Arizona, Maricopa County: (1) Attempted Burglary, Second Degree, September 27, 1991; (2) Attempted Theft, April 9, 1993; (3) Burglary, Second Degree, April 9, 1993; (4) Theft, March 9, 2000; and (5) Child Abuse, April 6, 2001. At sentencing, the government noted that Terry's conviction for Child Abuse involved a low speed car chase with police in 2000, including the running of at least one red light. The car chase arose after Terry took his daughter, age 2, from a family member and fled the scene of an argument and physical altercation.

The investigation in this case was conducted by the U.S. Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, with assistance from the Avondale Police Department and Arizona Department of Public Safety. The prosecution is being handled by Frederick A. Battista, Assistant U.S. Attorney, District of Arizona, Phoenix, Ariz.

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